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Community Policing Center to Open June 11

On Thursday, June 11, opening ceremonies will be held at the Foggy Bottom/GW Community Policing Center at 2333 Virginia Avenue, N.W. The center, located in a storefront owned by George Washington University, will be used by the officers of PSA 207 and 208, and open to the public for certain services on a limited basis, depending on staffing.

The University has done extensive remodeling of the premises, brought it up to code, and will pay for utilities. Police officers will use the center to call in reports to headquarters (will not need to return to Idaho Avenue as often as in the past); may use it for lunch and restroom breaks, but will not be stationed there. Volunteers are needed to operate the center, and those interested should call Lt. Robert Atcheson at 282-0050, or leave a message on his voice mail, 282-1162, ext. 21511.

The opening ceremonies are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., and all are welcome.

UPDATE

ANC Officers Named

At the April 30 meeting of the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, Commissioner Dorothy Miller was elected the commission chair. Commissioner Maria Tyler was elected Secretary-Treasurer, following a vote authorizing one person to hold both offices. The office of vice chair was left vacant for the time being.

Richard Price was the winner in an election in February, and his election to fill the seat of Michael Geroe was affirmed. His opponent in February, Nadia Taran, withdrew her name as a candidate. Price will serve out the remainder of Geroe's term. The election for new ANC Commissioners will take place in November.

22nd & M Street Project Expansion Opposed

Millenium Partners, developer of the project at 22nd and M Streets, N.W., is proposing an expansion to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) filed and approved in January. Following the acquisition of most of the square bordered by 22nd, 23rd, L and M Streets, a modification of the PUD was filed with the Zoning Commission. The expanded project will include a luxury hotel and residential units larger than originally planned.

The ANC sent a letter to the D.C. Corporation Counsel questioning the Zoning Commission's acceptance of the modified application, rather

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Rev. Andrew L. Sloane

Rev. Sloane is St. Paul's Ninth Rector

The Reverend Andrew L. Sloane was formally installed as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 3. The ceremonial installation was held at 6:00 p.m., with Bishop Michael Marshall presiding and preaching at the event. Bishop Marshall is Assistant Bishop in London and Rector of Holy Trinity Church in central London.

Father Sloane is a native of Liverpool, England, and began his work in the United States at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, and later moved to Grace Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he assumed the position of Rector in 1989. Father Sloane has also led preaching missions and retreats throughout Episcopal churches in the United States and overseas.

His neighbors in Foggy Bottom welcome him to his new post and wish him Godspeed.

Mark Your Calendars for Two June Meetings

On Monday, June 1, FBA is happy to present Foggy Bottom resident Karen Lamb, Director of Customer Relations for METRO. It will be an opportunity to question Ms. Lamb if you are a METRO customer — and who of us is not? The date, again, is Monday, June 1, at 7:30. The location is the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

On June 29 FBA will host three leading candidates for the mayor's post. All three have officially launched their campaigns for mayor, and will compete in the Democratic primary election in September.

The election of FBA officers and Executive Board members will also be held at that meeting. It will also be at the Wyndham Bristol at 7:30 p.m. The 1998 Nominating Committee was approved by the membership at the April FBA meeting, and is chaired by Michael Thomas, current FBA Vice President. The other committee members are Anne Charles, Charles Clapp, Marilyn Rubin, and Steve Timlin.

Dupont's Farmer's Market Open Every Sunday

By Kate McLeod

Once again the FreshFarm Market at Dupont Circle is open every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Located in the Riggs Bank parking lot, the farmer's market offers fresh vegetables, herbs, woodland mushrooms, fruits,

and flowers, often at a much lower price than those found in supermarkets.

On a recent weekend buyers were not only able to choose fresh tomatoes, spinach, and flowers, both

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Karen Lamb

**Director of Customer Relations
METRO**

Monday, June 1, 1998

**Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.**

(Next Meeting, Monday, June 29, 1998)

Hospital Women's Board Marks 100 Years

By Vorda Honnold

The Women's Board, The George Washington University Hospital celebrated its 100th year of uninterrupted volunteer hospital service on April 7 by holding a tea for members and invited friends in the ballroom of the Willard Hotel. The Board was authorized on April 13, 1898 by Columbian University, now The George Washington University. Its purpose has been to assist the hospital financially by providing funds for the acquisition of new technical equipment and other improvements and to benefit its patients and staff.

By its fund-drives and successful operation of various patient-related projects within the hospital, particularly its Gift Shop and Shopping Cart (the latter taken to patient floors as often as there are volunteers available) the Board became a hospital mainstay. There are few areas in the hospital which do not contain some equipment or furnishings purchased with Board funds. GWU's Medical School also benefits from the Board's financial support. Few of the Board's early financial records exist, which makes it impossible to accurately estimate its monetary contributions over the past century but they would total in the millions of dollars. The value of the Board's service to patients, staff, and others is immeasurable.

A memorable example of the Board's effectiveness dates back to 1981 when an attempt was made on the life of Ronald Reagan, and he and James S. Brady, White House press secretary, were shot at close range and seriously wounded. The coronary monitor used in caring for the president and

the ultrasonic surgical aspirator used in the care of Mr. Brady had both been purchased with funds provided by the Board.

New Partnership Alters Relationship

The partnership agreement between GW University and Universal Health Care Services, Inc. (UHS), effective July 1997, gave UHS 80% ownership of the Hospital. It has continued to provide the Board with the same generous support as did GWU, particularly space for its Gift Shop and related requirements. The Board is very appreciative of the hospitality and assistance given it; however, under its mandate it cannot contribute financially to the for-profit departments of UHS although it can contribute to its not-for-profit departments which include its Department of Volunteer Services, Department of Social Work Services for its patient-assistance fund, and the Chapel, all of which have long been regular recipients of Board support. These contributions, together with the Board's service to patients and staff, are a modest reimbursement to UHS for its support and hospitality. The Board remains under the authority of the University.

The Hospital established its Department of Volunteer Services in 1989, following urging by Board members that such a department was needed. The Board funded the first three months of its operation and it has since proven to be beneficial to the hospital with from twelve to fifteen of its volunteers (excluding clergy) on patient floors on an average day.

The highlight of the Board's centennial celebration on April 7 was the presentation by the Board's president, Mrs. Marifran Langvardt, of a check for \$110,000 to Ms. Shelley Bader, director of the

Medical School's Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library. The contribution will be used to establish a computer center to be named the Women's Board Health Care Center which will continue to receive the Board's financial support. The Center is expected to be completed by late summer and dedicated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 7, the day on which the Board was formally organized 100 years ago.

Congratulations "Q"

By Laetitia Combrinck

On May 17, during GW's commencement ceremonies on the mall, Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar graduated, receiving his B.A. in International Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies.

As President of the Student Association, he had to divide his time between the demanding task of managing and overseeing the duties of about 80 other student workers and fulfilling the study requirements of his senior year. And yet he found time to attend meetings of the Foggy Bottom community; there he made many friends, bridging the often stormy territory of student-versus-neighborhood conflict.

We acknowledge and appreciate his gallant efforts to facilitate dialogue between the two in trying to sort out the problem areas and creating an atmosphere of more understanding. Thereby he laid the basis for future relations.

He certainly seized all opportunities to develop his skills — his record in student affairs certainly reflects it well: during his freshman year, 1994-95, serving as Director of Communication; then during 1995-96, as Director of Community Relations; and 1996-97, Vice President for Community Affairs; and then waged an energetic campaign to win the presidency for the 1997-98 term.

At the annual dinner of Friends of the GW University Libraries on May 14, he was also honored by the librarian of the Gelman Library, Mr. Jack Siggins.

At the transition dinner, held May 1 in the University Club, "Q" passed the baton to Carrie Potter, the incoming

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president of the GWU Student Association. Lucille Molinelli and Ellie Becker were singled out for a new Foggy Bottom award from the Student Association for service to the community. Congratulations, Lucille and

Ellie!
"Q" has returned to his hometown on Long Island where he will seek employment in New York City; he is not targeting any special field. We wish him well on his future endeavors!



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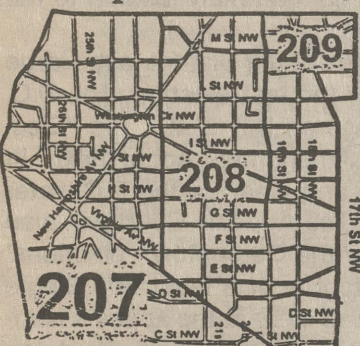
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News from 2D (2nd District, Metropolitan Police)



207's Officers Pose for Team Photo

Pictured in a recent photo are the PSA 207 team, with Captain Shannon Cockett on the far left front, and Lt. Robert Atcheson on the far right. The seven in the next row are Sgt. Robert Panizari and Officers Wesby, Latson Crouch, Maneechai, Fair and McCauley. The four in the next row are Support Sgt. Hendricks, Officers Dade and Deal and Detective Edelstein. The back row has MPO Echols, and Officers Roselle, Mason, Jones, Frost, Green and Myers. Only Officer Contee was not in the photo. We hope to show the PSA 208 team in the next issue.

April Stats for 207 and 208

In April, PSA 207 saw 2 robberies, 1 assault, 7 burglaries, 15 thefts, 21 thefts from auto, and 1 stolen auto, for a total of 47 offenses. The total for a year ago was 45, and 30 in March. In PSA 208, there were 3 robberies, 1 assault, 12 burglaries, 22

thefts, 15 thefts from auto and 5 stolen autos. The total of 58 offenses was down from April 1997's 106 offenses and March's 68.

PSA 207 is Tops in March; 208 in April

The officers of PSA 207 are to be congratulated for having the largest crime decrease in the Second District for the month of March. Lt. Robert Atcheson and Team Leader Sgt. Robert Panizari were proud to make that announcement at the 207 community meeting on April 30. Then, PSA 208 attained that same distinction in April. The FB/WE officers are doing us proud!

Lt. Philip Lanciano, who heads PSA 208 and 209, has returned to his post after spending some time on family leave, following the birth of his new daughter. Lt. Tommie Hayes filled in for him.

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than requiring a new application, and asking that the Zoning Commission schedule a new hearing. The commissioners voiced concerns about the scale of the project and its effect on the surrounding streets, already heavily impacted by traffic.

The project is being discussed again at the May ANC meeting. The newly-seated ANC Commissioner, Richard Price, represents the Single Member District in which the project is located.

Market, from page 1

wild and tamed, they were also able to get some free tips on how to cook woodland mushrooms from the Chef of the Market program offered each week. Farmers also were willing to answer questions about how to grow herbs, vegetables and flowers in various settings and suggest some ways to cook the foods they sell.

Twenty farmers were chosen to participate in this year's program, including eleven from Maryland, three from Virginia, two from West Virginia, and four from Pennsylvania.

Piedmont Farmland is Endangered

According to the American Farmland Trust, which organizes the FreshFarm Market, more than 20,000 people visited the market last year. The Trust reported that Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania lost 25,000 to 100,000 acres of farmland annually. The Piedmont area in which we live has the second most endangered farmland in the nation, with California's Sacramento and

San Joaquin Valleys topping the list.

The Farmer's Market not only helps farmers stay in business, cutting out the middleman who can take up to 78 percent of the price paid by consumers, but also allows city residents to buy food fresh off the farm at a lower price. According to the USDA, in-town residents eat fewer fruits and vegetables than the national average and we pay 30 to 35 percent more for lower quality food than in the suburbs.

If you would like more information about the Fresh-Farm Market at Dupont Circle or the American Farmland Trust, call 202-659-5170.

Don't Paint Yet!

By Burl Williams, Senior Handyman

Spring is the time we get outside and start assessing the damage that has occurred over the winter months.

One of the biggest problems in our area is flaking and deterioration of bricks in the 100-year old houses in FB, especially in the historic district.

With the high moisture content in our area, especially this spring, there really hasn't been a good time to paint yet. The wet weather has not allowed the bricks, plaster and wood to dry out properly, at least on the inside of the home.

When painting, make sure moisture is out of the walls. If you plaster over dampness, that moisture is sealed in and the brick will deteriorate more. It is the same with painting; if you use waterproof paint, it will seal in moisture; oil-based paint on wet wood will cause the paint to blister and flake off.

We need a good week of dry weather to dry out surfaces adequately. If possible, always measure moisture with a moisture meter.

(Burl will contribute articles from time to time on home repair and related topics.)



St. Mary's is 130 Years Young

St. Mary's Episcopal Church celebrates its 130th year with an Anniversary Dinner and Dance to be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 Twenty-second Street, N.W., on June 13, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited; tickets are \$45. St. Mary's, located at 728 23rd Street, is a landmark both historically and architecturally. Designed by James Renwick, the church was the first to be established for black Episcopalians in the city. Today, the parish continues its legacy of being a multiracial community of worship, justice and compassion for all people. An important renovation project is under way to enhance the church's facilities for ministry in the community for years to come. For further information, please contact the church office: 202-333-3985.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Sunday, May 31: Concert, featuring Jeffrey Multer, violinist, and Constance Moore, pianist. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. Offering requested. 4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 1: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Karen Lamb, Director of Customer Relations for METRO. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3: Community Meeting, Police Service Area 208. Call Sgt. John Rucker, 282-0050, for information. State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, June 4-5: Fifth Annual White House and Congressional Conference on Character Building. Co-hosted by Senators Dianne Feinstein, Dan Coats, and Jeff Bingaman, the conference features scholars and public figures. Sponsored by GW Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies. To register or for information, contact Nora Pollock at 994-3008.

Sunday, June 7: Celebration Mass and Reception on the occasion of the 25th Jubilee of Father Valentine Keveny. St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8: "Conversations with the Authors" featuring Ruth Boorstin, author of *Love Is No Because*, a book of poetry. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11: Dedication and Opening Ceremonies for the Foggy Bottom/GWU Community Policing Center at 2333 Virginia Avenue. 11:00 a.m.

Friday, June 12: Anniversary Dinner and Dance, celebrating 130th year of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. All are invited; tickets are \$45. Phone 333-3895. Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, N.W. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: Clothing and Accessory Collection, Suited for Change, 1712 Eye Street, N.W. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. (See article on this page.)

Saturday, June 13: Estate Treasures and Collectibles Sale, to benefit IONA Senior Services' Healthy Aging programs. (Donations, "almost anything except clothing," are welcome prior to the sale, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. each Thursday. Call Erin Styles, 895-9416, for information.) The sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at IONA, 4125 Albemarle Street, N.W. (behind Hechinger's).

Wednesday, June 17: Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Advisory Commission meeting. Call 659-0011 for location. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17: "Conversations With The Author," featuring Johanna Neuman and Ron Nessen, authors of *Death With Honors*. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring FBA elections and Mayoral Candidates Forum. Confirmed are candidates Harold Brazil, Kevin Chavous, and Jack Evans, Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

WEL Announces Summer Schedule

The West End Library will be maintaining its regular hours and days during June and July. However, it will be closed four Saturdays in August (the 8th, 15th, 22nd and the 29th), but open on the Fridays of those weeks, August 7, 14, 21 and 28. In addition, three-day holiday closings will take place in celebration of Independence Day (July 3, 4 and 5) and Labor Day (September 5, 6 and 7). Regular hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Make a Difference Police Boys and Girls Clubs

The Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs are seeking a long list of items for the spring and summer, as well as volunteers to help in all their programs.

The Clubs' activities include soccer, basketball, baseball, karate, computer lab, and residential summer camps in Scotland, Maryland. Volunteer coaches, tutors and general clubhouse helpers are needed. Call Volunteer Coordinator Dena Newman at 727-3566.

The Clubs are also in need of material help, including arts and crafts supplies, outdoor and indoor games, toiletries (soap, toothpaste, etc.), first aid supplies, flashlights and batteries, fishing poles and equipment, beach towels, and bathing suits. Also needed is various equipment such as lawnmowers, pots and pans, sewing machines and electric fans. Call 727-3566 if you have items to donate.

Suited For Change

On Saturday, June 13, Suited For Change will hold

From Your Commission, ANC-2A:

A number of special events have occurred in the past month that are very beneficial to your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and are of great value to the Foggy Bottom/West End community.

On the 29th of April the Congressional Review Period expired on the "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Quorum Definition Amendment Act of 1988," and it became D.C. Law No. 12-91. Your Commission was able to call its monthly public meeting assured of a quorum being present. About the same time, for personal reasons, Mrs. Nadia Taran withdrew her candidacy to fill the vacancy in ANC-2A02, leaving the February election of Richard Price uncontested. The ANC approved and filed the required resolution with the Board of Elections and other required officials, which approved the choice of a commissioner to replace Mike Geroe.

ANC-2A was able to approve a schedule for the remaining 1998 meetings. The monthly public meeting will continue to be the third Wednesday of each month; the meeting place, as soon as it is arranged, will be on the message center phone and announced in the required timely fashion to the community via posted bulletins.

Of great concern to the citizens of the District is the large number of illegal votes cast in the last election. The D.C. Council has had public hearings on Bill 12-499, the "Election Day Challenge Procedural Amendment Act of 1998," in an effort to curb illegal voting and clear up the D.C. voter rolls before the next elections. The Appeals Court will also most likely make a decision on the Georgetown elections' appeal which affected the outcome of a least one Single Member District in ANC-2E. It was clear at the appeals hearing that there is no system currently in effect, as mandated by the Home Rule Act, to properly challenge "Special Ballot" voting and the decisions of precinct captains. This bill will hopefully become law before the fall elections.

Changes in the D.C. Council are making a difference; also making a difference are the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Management Officer. The new Chief of Police has set in motion accountability for command members of the Police Department. But new leaders and ANC members alone cannot make the District the city it can and should be. It takes the support of the residents as well.

its bi-monthly collection of women's clothing suitable for the workplace, for low-income women and others seeking employment or re-employment. The organization assists its clients with training to increase employment potential. The clothing and accessories are collected to allow women seeking work to be dressed appropriately for interviews and for jobs. In addition to the

clothing collection, volunteers are needed to plan and lead seminars, assist with fundraising and other projects, and to counsel those seeking employment. Call 293-0351 for information.

Suited For Change's clothing collection takes place every other month, and items may be dropped off at 1712 Eye Street, N.W., from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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Arts Club Offers Stellar Art Events

By Kate McLeod



The Arts Club of Washington, longtime "resident" of Foggy Bottom, allows FB residents to enjoy many art events, most of them free of charge. A recent event was the Native American Literary Festival, which included writers Simon Ortiz, Elizabeth Woody, Gloria Bird, Cheryl Savageau, and Ines Hernandez-Avila. Local poets include Suzan Shown Harjo, Executive Director of the Morning Star Institute of Washington, and Edgar Gabriel Silex of the Baltimore Literary Center. Gina Ward organized the annual event, which in past years has highlighted the works of African-American, Latino, and Asian writers.

The Arts Club, which strives to promote and develop interest in the arts in the greater Washington area, sponsors many events including art exhibits, Friday noontime concerts, literary readings, and much more. Most of these events are free to the public.

Among the coming events is a Friday noon series of concerts. On June 5, the

Washington Area High School Piano Trio, featuring Andre Luse, Robert Zhang, and Yung Kendall, will appear.

On June 8 at 7:00 p.m., "Conversations with the Authors" will highlight Ruth Boorstin, who recently released her first book of poetry, *Love Is Not Because*. Following a brief reading, she will be interviewed by her husband, Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress Emeritus and Pulitzer Prize winning author.

The next "Conversation" event on Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m., features Johanna Neuman and Ron Nessen, authors of *Death With Honors*. The characters, Jerry Knight and Jane Day, who crossed paths in two earlier mystery novels, once again shed new light on life in Washington, D.C. Neuman is the project editor of the Los Angeles Times Washington Bureau and author of *Lights, Camera, War: Is Media Technology Driving International Politics?* Nessen, the former press secretary to President Gerald Ford, is the host and managing editor of *Issues and Answers*.

Multiplicity, an exhibit of works of artists at Pyramid Atlantic, will be on display in the Main Gallery through June 9. Also on display soon will be the photographic documentary by Mary Kogas, photographer and watercolorist. Art exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Arts Club of Washington at 202-331-7282.

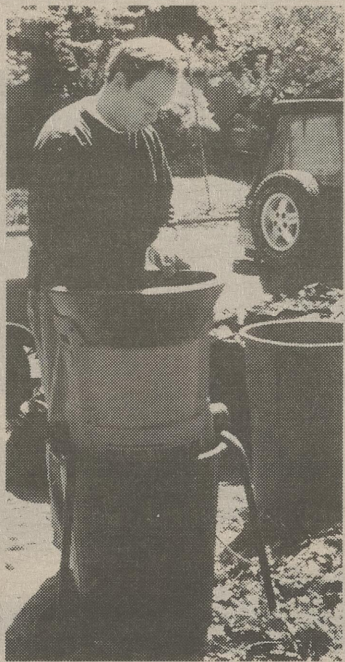
The Chamberlains Do It Again!



Grace Watson & Lisa Yockelson wield broom and rake.

The Second Annual Cleanup of the 26th Street Park took place Saturday morning, April 11. Melanie and Ray Chamberlain along with Mary Brewster rounded up the usual suspects: Bob Brewster, Jayne and Wiley Chambers, Jane Checkan, John George, Larry Impett, Murdaugh Madden, Peter May, Kathleen Read, Susan Scheffler (the Chambers' houseguest), Pocha Wachtenheim, Grace Watson and Lisa Yockelson.

Spurred on and refreshed by cookies, brownies, me-ringues, lemonade, coffee, all provided by Melanie, the crew trimmed trees, cut shrubs, planted flower seeds,



Wiley Chambers operates his leaf shredder.



Ray Chamberlain and Larry Impett take a break from their tree-trimming duties.

pulled weeds, and swept up.

The following Thursday the Department of Public Works picked up the cut branches and bags of trash, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Nor-

ris Green.

The Park has seldom looked better. Thanks to all, not the least to the Department of Public Works for its prompt collection of the debris.



Pocha Wachtenheim reaches for yet another trash bag.

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The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves



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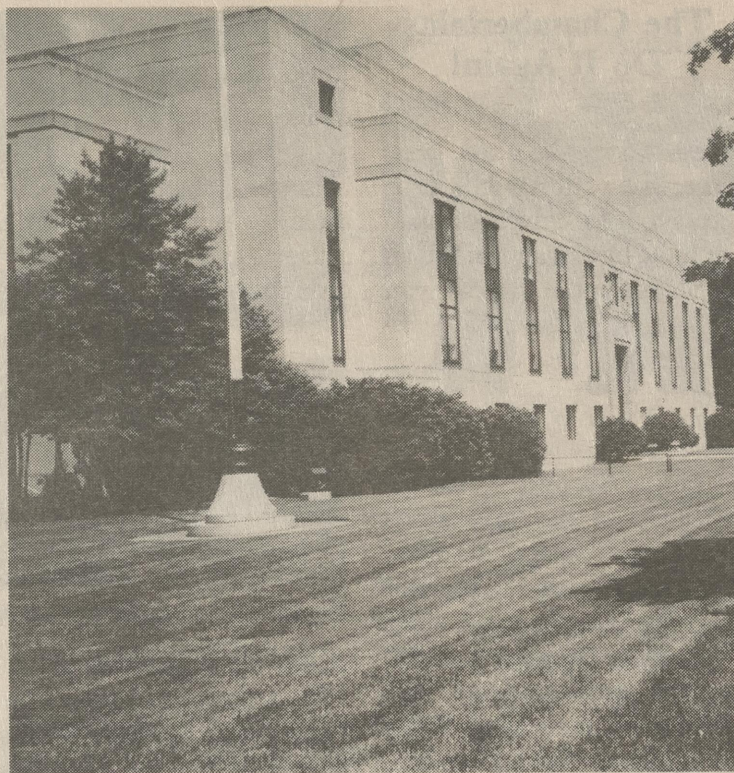
The street that curves in front (the east side) of the Saudi Embassy is really 25th Street; Pete's Cafe was located on that corner at F Street which then ran to the Potomac (more on this in another story). Today this curved street is an orphan, at least the plot of grass and trees in front of the Embassy next to the stone overpass wall is. When the Kennedy Center was under the National Park Service (NPS) it was mowed and well tended. Now the Kennedy Center is no longer in the NPS and that strip is neglected. The NPS mows the north park with the benches and the pigeons but stops abruptly at the edge of the "orphan strip." In a similar fashion the Kennedy Center mows up to the south edge and their mowing stops. It's an ugly orphan that faces the Saudi Embassy. A good neighbor, Plaza Manager Leonard O'Reilly, gave me the number of the Saudi Embassy building superintendent, Johnnie McClellan. One brief phone call today changed the tone of my weed story.



He pleasantly agreed to have his men mow and take care of this ugly orphan. Now when folks walk that route to the Kennedy Center they can thank the good neighbor Saudi Embassy and Johnnie McClellan, who get a big smile.

Incidentally, you will note the small "pigeon park" has no paved access from the sidewalk to the benches or to continue on to the Kennedy Center. So the folks cut across and kill the grass. I think they call this "landscape architecture."

Here's another "ugly orphan" — the median in the 600 block of New Hampshire which is full of weeds. It is



reported the Watergate is concerned about the traffic on that street, but is oblivious to the needs. Surely those folks have a small hand power lawn mower.

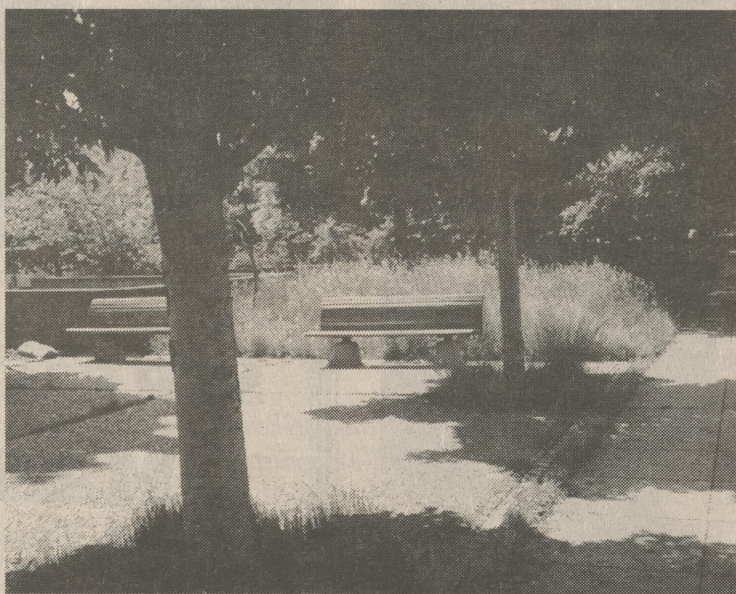
This is Another Weed Story...

Down on E Street we have another landscape anomaly. On the north side of the street the lawn of the American Red Cross has the appearance of

green velvet, but as they look out their window what they see is in the photo below. The entire block is nothing but weeds as high as my hips — there is so much trash. Wouldn't they get tired of



looking at that ugly sight? What happened to civic pride and good neighbors? I doubt if many of them live in the city.



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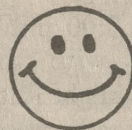
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How about a pleasant ending with a story about a "beautiful orphan"? It is the small strip of grass where New Hampshire meets Virginia above the E Street overpass. For many years the kind neighbors of the



Plaza Apartments have maintained that precious bit of green grass. They mow it and keep it clean, and furthermore they extended their underground watering system to keep it that fresh green. They have civic pride and community spirit.

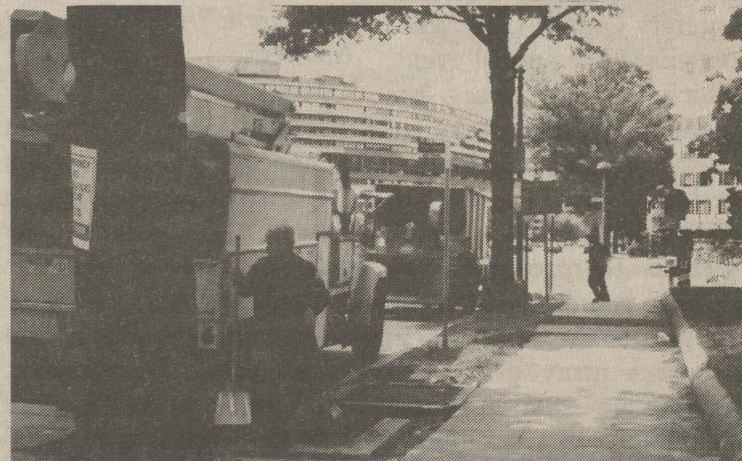
Ed. Note: And what a difference the new management of the Premier Hotel (formerly Howard Johnson) has made in the block east



of the hotel. For years it was trash-strewn and weedy, mowed only occasionally by the city. Today it is a pristine stretch of grass, a nice sight to behold.

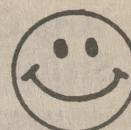
This is a Tree Story...

While walking to the Safeway I was surprised to see a D.C. Tree Department



truck and crew finally trimming our tress on Virginia Avenue near 24th Street. I visited with them. Mr. Briscoe was the foreman, who had been with the Tree Department for 35 years. I complimented him and his crew for their fine work, because we do not see much tree work in any form by the city. Now we could see the

street and traffic signs and the Metro bus stop sign — even the street light had become obscured, and people were hitting their heads on the low tree limbs.



Regular tree pruning and trimming are necessary to proper growth and air circulation in addition to the social benefits. All of this notwithstanding, Mr. Briscoe and his crew were targets of severe admonition by some adamant neighbors for "trimming our trees" As I was photographing the trimming, one passing lady expressed her disapproval with "... You are making enemies in this neighborhood" To those complaining ladies, I query thus: "What do they think of the ugly maple trees just a few feet north in the 2400 block of G Street by the Presbyterian Church?"

This is a Cookie Story ...

Our good neighbors at the Doubletree Hotel on New Hampshire have a great national PR gimmick — they make delicious chocolate chip

cookies and leave them on the pillow of the hotel guest. They are also available for sale to the public at the front desk. They are considered expensive (\$1 each - 2 in a pack), but they are super delicious and large. For orders of more than two you must call the Manager, Diane, so the Pastry Chef can bake them fresh for you.

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As a good neighbor and citizen the Doubletree (then Guest Quarters) bricked the sidewalk around the hotel when they took it over many years ago. Incidentally, the city installed new brick walks in Foggy Bottom but neglected the 30-foot strip from the Elise Apartments north to I Street — is that another “orphan”?

How about some trivia? The logo of the hotel is two trees, hence “Doubletree.” But as an old farm boy I must relate some bucolic history. A horse pulls a buggy or plow by “tugs” or “chain traces” hitched to a wood or metal bar called a “single tree.” Two horses hitched together pull these “single trees” which are attached to a longer wood or metal shaft known as a “double tree” which pulls a heavier plow or wagon. So, boys and girls, that’s our rural countryside story for today.

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While we are in the rural territory I like this folksy little aphorism which appears occasionally in my rural Missouri hometown country weekly:

“The catfish lays 10,000 eggs,
The hen lays but one,

The hen then proudly cackles,

To tell us what she’s done,
We scorn the humble catfish,

While the lowly hen we prize
Which only goes to show

you — it pays to advertise” —
in the *Foggy Bottom News*!

This Is A Story About Grease...

When you ride the Watergate Mall escalator, up and down, better wear gloves; otherwise your hands will be greasy. It is only natural to grab the black hand rail on an escalator, but in this case you will end up with greasy fingers. Evidence of this is on the white painted walls along the escalator after a passenger has been a victim. It is even visible at the top and on the poles and concrete along the

flowers at the top of the escalator. I have been suckered several times and believe me, it requires Ajax, Comet or Old Dutch Cleanser (I had to plug all of them) to remove it. Several calls to the management have brought no results by the employee lubricators with the “glop” that has the consistency of wheel bearing grease. Direct your com-

plaints to TRIZECHAHN, #124, 2600 Virginia Avenue, 338-6630; they manage the place.

Lest We Forget...

June 14 is Flag Day. Last year I took a casual stroll around the community and was disappointed to observe that only TWO places displayed the American flag.

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Ever heard that "no good deed goes unpunished"? How true, how true, how terribly true for our good Senior Handyman **Burl Williams**. One day recently he stopped at our neighborhood 7-11, parking in front as he ran in for a takeout cup of coffee — as literally HUNDREDS of people do each day. On his way out he stopped to pick up pizza boxes and other trash in the public space, scattered around by the trash-strewing residents of 910 New Hampshire Avenue. While intent on his good deed, he received a \$100 parking ticket!!!

Diana Contento, Catering Manager for the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, has left her post there to move two blocks north to the Sheraton City Center Hotel on New Hampshire Avenue. Diana has been the FBA's contact and meeting arranger since the association moved its meetings to the hotel in January, 1996.

Wednesdays at the Wyndham have a new feature, and they invite you to "come wrap with us!" A new wrap & roll bar will feature shrimp, chicken caesar and tuna salads, blackened chicken, BBQ beef or shrimp, veggies and Italian cold cuts, plus greens, tomatoes, etc., etc., for wrapping in a tomato, herb-garlic or flour tortilla. Cost is \$8.95, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Wyndham is at 2430 Pennsylvania.

Byron Thomas was active a year or so ago in the GWU Student Association's efforts in the FB community. We learned recently that he now lives in Columbia Heights,

sports a handsome beard (almost a goatee), and works for the Close Up project. He spends long days with bright high school students from all over the country, while they see Washington and learn about how their government works.

There are lots of new "docs" in the area, far too many for a complete listing. Celebrating after sweating through the seemingly endless classes, papers, exams, drafts and defenses of dissertations are **Dawn Southard** and **Father Jim Greenfield** of F Street and **Barbara Barski Carrow** of 25th Street. Dawn's degree from the University of Maryland was in biology and she will be working for the Xerces Society. This group is the professional society for scientists in the field of invertebrates, and she will be involved in conservation. Father Jim is the Catholic chaplain at the GWU Newman Center, and his degree is in human development. Barbara went to Virginia Tech and her degree was in human resources and continuing education. Hats off for the hard work and perseverance of these three neighbors, and all those in the area who made similar achievements.

Our good friend **Henrietta Zoltrow** is a lover of travel and new experiences, often with the well-known travel group, the Shilelaghs. Her latest excursion was on one of their "mystery" trips, where reportedly they take off but do not know the destination. In this case she and her fellow adventurers found themselves

in Managua, Nicaragua, and she reports it was delightful.

The spring of 1998 will be remembered for its cool temperatures, rain and humidity beyond belief, and wonderfully green plants and foliage. Observers also will recall some spectacular flowers in bloom, and often the coolness kept them around for a while — that is, if the showers didn't wash them all away. Catching the eye were **Alice Schultz'** dark red phlox, **Steve Timlin's** dark purple tulips and yellow irises, and the **Newman Center's** poppies.

Many of us received a notice about the Postal Service's Saturday food collection somewhat on the late side. FB's genial carrier, **Mike White**, reported that despite short notice, at least 12 households on his route contributed food that Saturday, and he seemed pleased with the results. (One wonders how he could carry it all if there were 100% participation — that would be a lot of cans!)

Eye Street's **Helen Syms** traveled back to her home country to run in the London Marathon on April 26. She claimed her "quite a bit of training" on the Mount Vernon trail and around Hains Point helped with her preparation. The course was 26.2 miles, and in connection with the run she raised funds for charity, \$700 in the U.S. and 700 pounds in England. Her finish time was 3 hours and 9 minutes and she came in 100th of the 9,000 women and 2023rd of the 31,000 in the race. Helen reported that many runners appear in costumes — the more outlandish the better — to raise money for charity. Syms has lived in



Foggy Bottom since October, is here on a 2-year assignment with the World Bank, and her husband **Michael Cross** is with the IMF.

Grace Watson received the "gavel" as the president of the Board of the Friends of the GWU Libraries at the annual dinner May 14. **Darrell Rumsey** and **Robert Brewster** were presented souvenir paperweights on completing two-year terms. **Laetitia Combrinck** was named to the post of

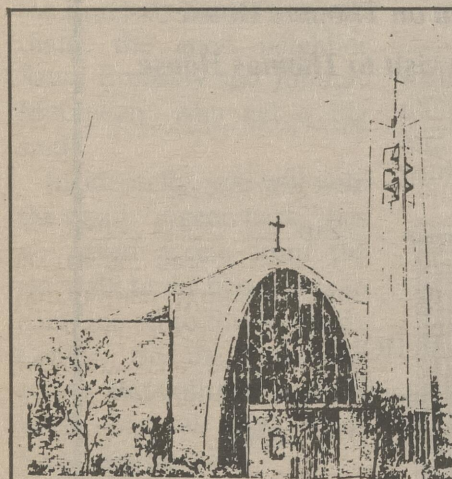
secretary.

Young Lady Willy, who has been living at the Griffin and taking care of **Dwight Mortenson**, has moved to MacArthur Boulevard, and she will be missed. Dwight was persuaded that a town house would be better for Willy, as well as the view of the Dalecarlia Reservoir and across the Potomac to Virginia. Willy's friends **Bomber**, **Louie**, and **Peppi** planned a going-away party for her, leaving Dwight to wonder if only his small white canine companion, Willy, would be missed; where was HIS party? The answer is, yes, Dwight, you will be missed. But you should know the consequences when you share a home with a vivacious lady — she gets all the attention!

Erin Roberts, a senior at FB's School Without Walls, earned a four-year scholarship awarded by Project Excellence. A total of \$4 million in scholarships was awarded by the fund founded by syndicated columnist Carl Rowan. Roberts plans to attend Yale University.

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